

THE CABLE'S LATEST NEWS

A Terrible Story of Destitution in Northern Persia.

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Famine in Northern Persia.
LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Turkish Missionary Aid Society have written to the *Times* regarding the famine in Northern Persia, stating that they have received a telegram from Oorush to the effect that the famine in that region is increasing daily, and that unless strenuous efforts are made to send help from England and America a great number of the people must perish. There are only two months' supply of food to sustain them for the next seven months.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—A dispatch from Calcutta to the *Daily News*, dated December 22, reports that among the stipulations presented by Mahomed Jan as a basis for peace, were the return to India of the British force at Cabul, and that a promise he given to send back the Ameret two British officers, to remain at Calcutta as hostages for the fulfilment of the

Russian Indications.
ST. PETERSBURG, JAN. 1.—The *Golos* announces that it is proposed to enact special punishments for persons convicted of propa-

At a review of some of the regiments of the Guard yesterday the Emperor made a speech to the troops expressing his conviction that they will serve the Czarowitz as faithfully as they had served him. The Emperor then saluted the Czarowitz.

The foregoing is interesting in connection with the recent sensational report of violent disagreements between the Emperor and Czarowitz.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The *Times* Berlin correspondent hears from good sources that a circular note has been signed, and will be issued by M. DeFreycinet. It will declare that the new ministry will remain true to its former political traditions and will uphold the policy of peace.

The *Times*' Paris dispatch says: "At a reception to the diplomatic representatives on New Year's Day Prince Hohenzollern informed M. De Freycinet that he was charged by Prince

The Tay Bridge Victims.
LONDON, Jan. 1.—Diving in the Tay, at the scene of the recent bridge disaster, has been

Relief for the Irish Sufferers.
LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in France has resolved to have a special collection in each of its conferences to aid

CABLE SPARKS.

CARF TOWN, Dec. 30.—Sir Garnet Wolseley will start for England some time in January.

PARIS, Jan. 1.—General Cialdini, the Italian Minister, has presented to President Grevy his letters of credence.

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—Twenty thousand tons of steel rails have just been ordered in West-

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Standard announces that the Queen has informed the Czar of her acceptance of Prince Loubouff as his ambassador at London.

MADRID, Jan. 1.—A fire has been raging for two days at Granada, in the neighborhood of the celebrated Alhambra. A number of houses have been burned.

MADRID, Jan. 1.—The examination of Gonzalez, the would-be regicide, elicited no information tending to show that the attempt was due to political animosity.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Brigadier-General Sir Evelyn Wood, one of the commanders in the Zulu war, by the Queen's desire will accompany the ex-Empress Eugenie to Zululand in February.

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOLS.
The State Largely in Arrears to the Districts.
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—A special dispatch from Harrisburg to the *Evening Bulletin* says: "The Superintendent of Public Instruction is frequently criticized because the various school districts have not received their appropriation

fact of the matter is that the superintendent has been given to understand repeatedly, by the treasury officials, that his warrants would not be honored because of the impoverished state of the treasury. Assured as he is informed that his demands will be met the school districts will receive the money due them from the State. In the course of a few months,

while, Pennsylvania will owe her schools over \$2,000,000, they being entitled to the appropriation when in operation five months. If less than that, districts cannot claim any money for the year, and some of them have been placed in this position because they have not had the necessary amount to keep the schools in session for that period. Philadel-

year ended June, 1878, there being due the former about \$160,000. The scarcity of funds in the treasury has also been a great drawback to the soldiers' orphan schools, over 500 applications for admission remaining unacted on in the department for this reason.⁴⁷
